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much advance work. Two more things, Mr. President. Since we are changing our schedule I want to announce that the Ophthalmologist dinner, scheduled for tomorrow night, the 12th, has been canceled. You will hear from them when they reschedule it. We will let you know. The Ophthalmologist's dinner has been canceled. No need for you to advise them that you won't be there and that sort of thing. The other thing is that I have had distributed to you a note from The Nebraska Association for Retarded Citizens. Their dinner for the 13th has also been canceled. You will note in the letter that has been distributed to you, individually by Dee Everett, that they have rescheduled theirs to Tuesday, February 8th. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I was thinking maybe Senator Luedtke would have covered this. Evidentially he is not aware of it. Today, at noon, the Lincoln City Council has offered, and it was in that notice and package that they gave the senators, that they would take them on a tour of Lincoln during the noon hour. I don't know, there hasn't been much response at this point. I'd like to have some kind of a show of strength whether we should cancel this and put it off to a later date this week, some of them might be leaving. So if there is no objection let's have a show of strength. I think I'll just cancel it for the time being and wait until we come back and it might be a little warmer weather. So the noon tour, that the City of Lincoln was going to show the new senators, will be canceled until a later date, probably within the next month. We will operate on that basis right now.

PRESIDENT: You want to cancel it?

SENATOR BARNETT: I will cancel it.

PRESIDENT: Alright. Take the board off, Mr. Clerk. Senator Marvel wishes to be recognized for a matter of general interest.

SENATOR MARVEL: I wish to call to the Legislature's attention that this book, which is a Legislative Guide to Nebraska's State Agencies, has been compiled by the Budget Staff, will be sent to your offices. This is the most complete index to Nebraska's state agencies, not only tells what they do, how many employees they have, but how much money they've been spending the past few years. You can get a complete thumbnail picture of each department in this particular book. Now Senator Warner will respond and have passed around a sheet which would indicate if and when you would like to be briefed by the Legislative Fiscal Staff on what is in this book. I think this will be helpful to each and everyone, not only in trying to understand Nebraska state government, its various agencies, but also you can use it in speeches, you can use it in answering questions that may come up in regard to all aspects of state government. I think it can be a very valuable tool. It will be delivered to your offices. Senator Warner will ask that you indicate if you want to participate in a briefing that the Budget Staff will take part in. As I recall, what is it the 12th and the 13th? Okay. With your permission, Mr. President, after this announcement I would like to turn this over to Senator Warner for just a moment.